



ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A scanner unit has first and second carriages
 under an original table glass. The first carriage has
 a first frame extending from a front side to a rear
 side along the original table, that is, in a main scan
 direction. Two rails for supporting both end portions
 of the first frame such that the first frame may slide
 in a sub-scan direction are provided on the front side
 and rear side of the scanner unit. A cold cathode
 fluorescent lamp is mounted on the first frame.
 In order to make a high-voltage-side harness of the
 cold cathode fluorescent lamp as short as possible, an
 inverter circuit board, which is a lighting circuit, is
 disposed as close as possible to a positive electrode
 of the cold cathode fluorescent lamp. A weight is
 attached on a side opposite to the inverter circuit
 board, thereby to stabilize a weight balance of the
 first frame in the main scan direction.

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